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In re Application of:)	
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)	Examiner Pham, Khanh B.
Serial No. 09/575,894)	
)	Group Art Unit No. 2167
Filing Date: May 22, 2000)	
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For METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)	
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

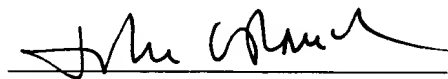
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated October 7, 2004, Applicant has interpreted the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance as a list or partial recitation of specific elements of independent claims 26 and 34 that distinguish these claims from the applied references. Applicant submits that this list or partial recitation represents a paraphrase of these claims and that the claims themselves define the scope of the invention.

Additionally, other reasons for allowance apply with respect to independent claims 26-39. Accordingly, Applicant does not acquiesce to the reasons for allowance stated by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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